



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2008, Applicants hereby elect(s) the claims of Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a catalyst powder, for prosecution in the subject application.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicant will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and In re Ochiai, 71 F.3d 1565, 37 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995).

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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